

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

Appropriations Language

This activity does not require appropriation language, as there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, FY 1985, as amended, (P.L. 98-473, Section 320, 98 Stat. 1874). Provides that all rents and charges collected by payroll deduction or otherwise for the use or occupancy of quarters of agencies funded by the Act shall be deposited in a special fund, to remain available until expended, for the maintenance and operation of quarters of that agency.

16 U.S. C 460. Provides that receipts collected from the sales of products and lands, in which the Corps of Engineers has primary jurisdiction, be used to cover expenses of producing these products and for managing the wildlife habitat in accordance with cooperative agreements.

Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act (P.L.101-618), as amended by **Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1998** (P.L.105-83). Authorizes certain revenues and donations from non-federal entities be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund to support the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery including the recovery of two endangered or threatened fish species. Payments in excess of operation and maintenance costs of Stampede Reservoir are deposited into the Fund and are available without further appropriation, starting in FY 1996. Beginning in FY 1998, provides that receipts from the sales of certain lands by the Secretary of the Interior are to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations		2004 Actual	2005 Estimate	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	2006 Budget Request	Change from 2005 (+/-)
Operations & Maintenance of Quarters	\$(000)	2,558	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
	FTE	6	6	-	-	6	-
Proceeds from Sales	\$(000)	364	120	-	-	120	-
	FTE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lahontan Valley & Pyramid Lake Restoration Fund	\$(000)	563	40	-	-	40	-
	FTE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	\$(000)	3,484	2,760	-	-	2,760	-
	FTE	6	6	-	-	6	-

Program Overview**Operations and Maintenance of Quarters**

The objective of this fund is to provide for maintenance and operation of Fish and Wildlife Service quarters through the use of rental receipts. Certain circumstances require Service personnel to occupy government-owned quarters. Those circumstances involve the isolation of the site, protection of fish hatchery stock (e.g., water flow to fish tanks interrupted by freezing temperature), monitoring of water management facilities, health and welfare of visitors, emergency response to fire and flood events, and protection of government property. In order to provide for these needs, the Service manages 891 units comprised of 660 quarters on 201 refuges, 229 quarters on 62 fish hatcheries and 2 quarters on one Job Corps Center.

Quarters require regular operational upkeep as well as periodic rehabilitation and upgrading to maintain safe and healthful conditions for occupants. Rental receipts are used for general maintenance and repair of quarters buildings; code and regulatory improvements; retrofitting for energy efficiency; correction of safety discrepancies, repair of roofs and plumbing; utilities, access roads, grounds and other site maintenance services; and the purchase of replacement equipment such as household appliances, air conditioners, and furnaces. Since the Service has a backlog for repair and rehabilitation work to quarters, funds are used to address the highest priority maintenance and rehabilitation projects to alleviate health, safety, and structural problems. Vacant housing is made available for occupancy by volunteers who are not subject to rental payments.

Rental rates are based upon comparability with the private sector. Quarters rental rates are reset on a rotating basis every 5 years using statistical analysis of comparable rentals from 16 areas nationwide. Between surveys, rents are adjusted using the Consumer Index Price-Rent Series annual adjustment from the end of the fiscal year. No changes are anticipated.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

The Proceeds from Sales special fund receipt account covers expenses of forestry technicians administering timber harvest activities and for development and maintenance of wildlife habitat.

Twenty-nine national wildlife refuges were established as overlay projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land and are administered in accordance with cooperative agreements. The agreements provide that timber and grain may be harvested and sold with the receipts returned for development, conservation, maintenance, and utilization of such lands. These expenses cannot exceed the receipt amounts deposited as proceeds from sales. Refuges that are currently engaged in timber and grain harvesting on water resources development projects are: Choctaw and Eufaula NWR's (AL); Mark Twain NWR (IL); and Flint Hills NWR (KS).

Examples of some of the projects undertaken using receipts are: soil amendments (lime and fertilizer), road construction and repairs, ditch and fence construction and maintenance. The agreement with the Corps of Engineers specifies that the receipts collected on refuges must be spent within five years. This provides for carryover balances from year to year which allows the receipts to accumulate until sufficient funds are available to support some of the larger development projects on these refuges.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

Pursuant to the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990 (Title II, Pub. L. 101-618), this fund was established for fish and wildlife purposes in the Lahontan Valley and for protection and restoration of the Pyramid Lake fishery.

Wetlands in Northern Nevada's Lahontan Valley, including those at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and Carson Lake, are a key migration and wintering area for up to 1 million waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors traveling on the eastern edge of the Pacific Flyway. More than 410,000 ducks, 28,000 geese and 14,000 swans have been observed in the area during wet years. In addition to migratory populations, the wetlands support about 4,500 breeding pairs producing 35,000 waterfowl annually. Up to 70 bald eagles, Nevada's largest concentration, have wintered in the valley.

In 1996, the Fish and Wildlife Service completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision which described, analyzed and implemented a program to purchase up to 75,000 acre-feet of water from the Carson Division of the Newlands Project for Lahontan Valley wetlands. In partnership with the State of Nevada, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Reclamation, 32,400 acre-feet of Newlands Project water rights have been acquired for Lahontan Valley wetlands to date B about 22,000 acre-feet by the Service, 1,600 acre-feet by BIA and 8,800 acre-feet by the state. Water rights are purchased from willing sellers at appraised market value. In addition to purchasing water, the Service is authorized to pay customary operations and maintenance charges to the local irrigation district for delivering the acquired water.

The Service is pursuing various activities to protect and restore the Pyramid Lake fishery, including cottonwood restoration in the lower Truckee River, operation and maintenance of Marble Bluff dam for fish passage, design of fish passage facilities at Derby Dam and other ongoing conservation efforts.

Deposits to this fund are authorized to be made with the net revenues from the Bureau of Reclamation's Stampede Reservoir, proceeds from land sales, donations and other sources.

2005 Planned Program Performance

Operations and Maintenance of Quarters

Estimated receipts in FY 2005 and FY 2006 are expected to be \$2,600,000. Revisions continue to be made in the management of the program to reduce the operating balance of the account and target the highest priority repairs or improvements.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

Estimated receipts in FY 2005 and FY 2006 are expected to be \$120,000 for timber harvest. Receipts depend on the amount of the commodity harvested (timber or crops), current market value, and the amount of the commodity that the Service uses for wildlife habitat management purposes. Annual receipts may vary from year to year due to the influence of natural events such as flood or drought.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

In FY 2005 and FY 2006, receipts from the Bureau of Reclamation are expected to remain at zero. Receipts from land sales and other sources are estimated at \$40,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MISCELLANEOUS PERMANENT ACCOUNTS

Program and financing (in thousands of dollars)			
Identification code 14-9927-0-2-303	2004 Actual	2005 Estimate	2006 Estimate
<u>Obligations by program activity:</u>			
00.01 Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	2,065	2,600	2,600
00.02 Proceeds from Sales	149	150	150
00.03 Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake	208	200	200
10.00 Total obligations	2,421	2,950	2,950
<u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u>			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	2,805	3,892	3,734
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	3,484	2,760	2,760
22.10 Resources available from recoveries of prior year obligations	24	32	32
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	6,313	6,684	6,526
23.95 New obligations (-)	-2,421	-2,950	-2,950
24.40 Total unobligated balance, end of year	3,892	3,734	3,576
<u>New budget authority (gross), detail:</u>			
Permanent:			
60.20 Appropriation (special fund, indefinite)	3,484	2,760	2,760
70.00 Total new budget authority (gross)	3,484	2,760	2,760
<u>Change in unpaid obligations:</u>			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	912	551	470
73.10 New obligations	2,421	2,950	2,950
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-2,758	-3,031	-2,850
73.45 Adjustments in unexpired accounts (-)	-24		
74.99 Obligated balance, end of year	551	470	570
<u>Outlays (gross), detail:</u>			
86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority	1,180	727	757
86.98 Outlays from permanent balances	1,578	2,304	2,093
87.00 Outlays (gross)	2,758	3,031	2,850
<u>Net budget authority and outlays:</u>			
89.00 Budget authority	3,484	2,760	2,760
90.00 Outlays	2,758	3,031	2,850

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Object Classification (in thousands of dollars)			
Identification code 14-9927-0-2-303	2004 Actual	2005 Estimate	2006 Estimate
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	304	313	323
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	23	24	26
11.5 Other personnel compensation	-1	0	0
11.9 Total personnel compensation	326	338	348
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	80	90	90
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	0	10	10
22.0 Transportation of things	9	9	9
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	4	4	4
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	13	14	14
23.3 Communications, utilities & misc.	298	314	314
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	1	2	1
25.1 Advisory and Assistance Services	5	10	5
25.2 Other Services	330	500	500
25.3 Purchase of Goods and Services from other Government Agencies	0	0	0
25.4 Operation and maintenance of facilities	555	650	650
25.7 Operation and maintenance of equipment	152	224	224
25.8 Subsistence and support of personnel	1	1	1
26.0 Supplies and materials	387	459	459
31.0 Equipment	124	152	152
32.0 Land and Structures	132	169	166
41.0 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	3	3	3
42.0 Insurance claims and indemnities	0	0	0
99.9 Total obligations	2,420	2,950	2,950

Personnel Summary			
Identification code 14-9927-0-2-303	2004 Actual	2005 Estimate	2006 Estimate
Total compensable workyears:			
Full-time equivalent employment	6	6	6
Average Salary per FTE	54,500	56,282	58,071

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